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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 13, 2002, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 6 and 7 and amend claims 1-4, 22, 25-27 and 35-41 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of facilitating, managing and coordinating the operation of a competitive marketplace using the Internet, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) collecting supply side bids for quantity and price of market services from a plurality of market services providers over the Internet and collecting demand side bids for quantity of market services from a plurality of market services consumers over the Internet;

(b) calculating a clearing price for a market service for a predetermined time interval by matching demand for market services with a marginal value of lowest priced supply bids, the clearing price being equal for all consumers; and